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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

March 21, 1963  
11:00 a.m.

SUBJECTS: Negotiations Over Berlin

PARTICIPANTS:

GERMANY

Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, former German Foreign Minister,  
CDU Fraktion Leader in Bundestag  
His Excellency Karl-Heinrich Knappstein, German Ambassador  
Mr. Erich Stratling, First Secretary, German Embassy  
Mr. Hermann Kusterer, Interpreter

UNITED STATES

Under Secretary of State George C. McGhee  
Mr. Robert C. Creel, GER

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Von Brentano referred to our coming talks with the Soviets on Berlin. It was his own impression that no positive results could be expected, but he believed the talks should be held in any case. Mr. McGhee said he was sure the Germans would have confidence that we would not give anything away to the Soviets. We had had plenty of experience in talking with the Soviets, and Secretary Rusk could play just as good a phonograph record as they did.

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